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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION WITH REPLACEMENT CLAIMS

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend claims 6, 7 and 8 as follows:

6. (Amended) A flexible plastic bag or reservoir for recirculation washing of blood cells which has a top outlet port and a bottom inlet port and an integral coarse filter comprising a tube of semi-rigid, non-collapsible plastic mesh extending from the top outlet port into the bag, wherein a less dense suspension of blood cells is withdrawn through said top outlet port for further processing.

7. (Amended) A flexible plastic bag or reservoir for recirculation washing of blood cells which has a top outlet port and a bottom inlet port and a bubble trap at the top which comprises plastic tubing extending into the bag from the top outlet port.